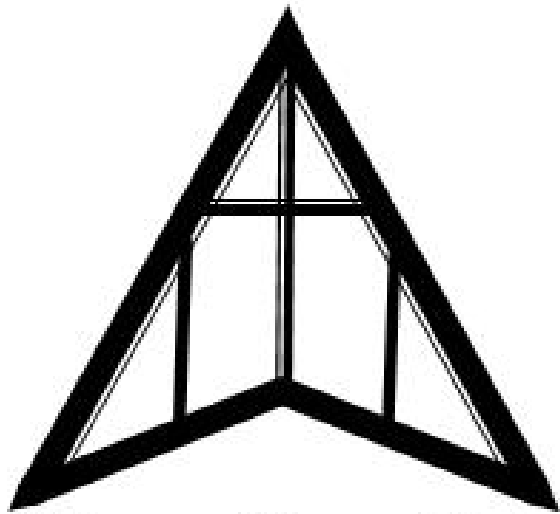


Large Print  
Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**April 26, 2026**  
**11:00am**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

*Ministers: All Members of the Church*  
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**April 26, 2026**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

*(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd” arr. David Christensen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive, adapted from Glory to God #93)*

Leader: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold!

**People: The Savior of the world is risen!**

Leader: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

**People: Let us feel the presence of the God’s grace and love.**

Leader: O Holy Spirit, lead us on in worship;

**People: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,”  
and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

\*HYMN #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me” (John 10:14). In confession, we trust God to know us fully: the good and the bad, the faithful and the sinful. But we also know God’s faithfulness, God’s mercy, and God’s power to redeem us and lead us into new life. Trusting in this promise, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forever more. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The proof God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

**People: Alleluia! Amen!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
over and around us lies:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### CALL TO OFFERING

*(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway,  
online or through the mail.)*

#### \*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*HYMN #802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ST. COLUMBIA

*(stanzas 1-4)*

#### WE GROW IN THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10 (NRSVUE)

#### SERMON

“Shepherd Sunday”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata for a Joyful Day”

Emma Lou Diemer

*(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)*

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

*Please ensure all electronic devices are on silent during the service.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist